

A NOTE ON LASIOPTERA MURTFELDTIANA FELT

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This species was described in 1909 (see *Journal of Economic Entomology*, Vol. 2, page 288) and more fully characterized in 1916 in *New York State Museum Bulletin* 198, page 170, the description being drafted from U. S. National Museum material labelled August 25, 1884, from Ottawa, Kansas. The species was reared from wild sunflower seeds, only males being represented. Recently a large series of this species was received from Professor Osmond P. Breland, North Dakota Agricultural College, having been reared by him from sunflower seeds collected at Artesia, Miss., Brownsville, Tenn., Fulton, Ky., and Braidwood, Ill. The female being previously unknown it is described below, specimens being deposited in the National Museum.

Female: Length, 2.5 mm. Antennæ, short, dark brown, 19 to 21 segments, the fifth with a length about three-fourths its diameter, the terminal segm. lightly produced and broadly rounded apically. Palpi, first segment short, second one-half longer, slender, the third as long as the second, the fourth one-half longer than the third, and somewhat dilated. Mesonotum, shining dark brown. Scutellum and postscutellum fuscous yellowish. Abdomen, dark brown, the segments narrowly margined with silvery. Ovipositor, nearly as long as the body, dark brown, yellowish apically, the lobes with a length three times the width. Wings hyaline, the third vein uniting with the margin at the distal third, the fifth at the distal fourth, its branch at the basal third. Halteres, yellowish transparent. Legs, a nearly uniform fuscous yellowish.